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INCREASE IN PRICES OF INFANT FOODS AND MILK PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details and reasons for increase in the prices of milk based infant foods and milk powder during the last three years, production and year-wise;and

(b) the measures being taken by the Government to check the rise in process of milk products essential for child nutrition in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Increases in the prices of milk- based infant foods and milk powder has been mainly due to increase in the costs of production, procurement, processing and marketing of milk and milk products. The production of milk powders of all kinds in the country during the last three years was as follows:

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Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Production	146952	148064	153010

(b): Government does not control the production of milk products in quantitative terms as this is a market driven activity and increased production will automatically address the demand of child nutrition.